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Republican Ticket.

For President,
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The Hammond Packing Co., has made Muskogee the distributing point for Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. This means more business for the merchants of the Indian Territory.

The Democrat wants lynching stopped until after election as it may influence some negro democrat to vote the republican ticket unless a stop is put on right now. We are opposed to mobbing and lynching but we think the negro who will vote for the ticket that Vandeman and Tillman is supporting should at least have a few feathers and some tar applied.

The contention by Captain Ayers in another column, that the sale of the school lots will be a dear transaction is no doubt true. If Muskogee continues to grow during the next three years as she has in the past years there will be a demand for at least two more school houses. The price of property will advance with the growth of the town and no doubt the city will have to pay double the price for additional school grounds that was realized from the sales Thursday. It is considered wisdom by many of the business men to borrow money rather than dispose of the property holdings in the city. That is on the theory of course, that the property will advance in a greater sum than the amount paid in interest. On this hypothesis it would have been the better plan to hold the property. The Times is aware that the board had reached its limit to borrow, but there is no doubt but that the banks of the city would have been glad to discount the warrants of the board in a sum sufficient to meet the present needs.—Times.

They Saved the Union.

In 1900, when Theodore Roosevelt was Governor of New York, he was interviewed about the Afro-American soldier and this is what he said: "I know of the character and bravery of the Afro-American soldier. He saved my life at Santiago, and I have had occasion to say so in many articles and speeches. The Rough Riders were in a bad position when the Ninth and Tenth cavalry came rushing up the hill carrying everything before them.

"The Afro-American soldier has the faculty of coming to the front when he is needed most. In the Civil war he came 200,000 strong, and I believe he saved the Union. He has

done excellent work in all of the Indian campaigns, and while I was in the West, I had a number of opportunities of witnessing his wonderful work. He saved a massacre of the Seventh in 1890."

"At San Juan hill Afro-American soldiers rendered an object lesson to all of the soldiers assembled there. They sung and fought and pushed the lagging troops up the hill and the great victory at that point was theirs as much if not more than any of the soldiers there."

Song of Hope.

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of to-morrow,
What are you weaving?
Labor and sorrow?
Look to your looms again.
Faster and faster
Fly the great shuttles
Prepared by the Master,
Life's in the loom,
Room for it—
Room!

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of to-morrow,
Lighten the labor
And sweeten the sorrow.
Now, while the shuttles fly
Faster and faster,
Up, and be at it.
At work with the Master!
He stands at your loom,
Room for Him—
Room!

Children of yesterday,
Heirs of to-morrow,
Look at your fabric
Of labor and sorrow.
Seamy and dark
With despair and disaster,
Turn it, and—lo,
The design of the Master!
The Lord's at the loom;
Room for Him—
Room!

—Mary A. Lathbury.

Tact Behind the Counter.

"Talk about being a good saleswoman," said a clerk in one of the big stores. "Mrs. X. came in this morning to buy a rain cloak, and what do you think I sold her?"

"Can't guess."
"A pink chiffon party dress and a lace parasol."

"Well, I didn't do so badly myself," said another. "We had a lot of maids' caps, made of Swiss and lace, and I sold about ten for pine-scented covers."

"That's as bad as my brother in the drug store. A man came in with a headache and wanted to buy a menthol pencil to rub on his forehead. They were out of menthol pencils and George sold him a stick of indelible ink."—Indianapolis News.

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